

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 12, second complete paragraph:

For the continuous rotary movement of the rotor 13, upon the attainment of a given rotary angle position of the rotor 13 relative to the stator 15, there must be a transition from the half-bridge 17 of a stator coil pair to the next one, that is to say, the supply of current must be advanced from one winding line to the next. To provide for that commutation procedure, it is now no longer provided that the position of the permanent-magnetic rotor 13 with respect to the stator 15 is detected directly by a magnetic field sensor installed in the motor 14, but rather the angular position, which is identical to the rotary angle position of the rotor and the rotary angle position of the washing drum, of an actuator disc 30 which in turn is non-rotatably connected to the shaft of the drum 12 or of the rotor 13, relative to the ~~machine housing~~ wash tub 31 in which the drum 12 rotates, that is to say also relative to the stator 15 of the motor 14 ~~or relative to the drum mounting in the washing machine 11, is~~ interrogated. Because the resolution of the actuator disc 30 can be substantially greater than the number of magnetic rotor dipoles of the rotor 13 and because the widely scattering rotor dipole field is no longer detected by the sensor, that operation of externally ascertaining the rotary angle by way of an incremental counter for the commutation operation affords a substantially higher level of angle resolution, that

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is to say, by way of a more precise commutation operation, it affords smoother running even at extreme rotary speeds or load moments.